

***PSMark* : A Distributed IoT Benchmark for Publish/Subscribe Under Domain-Based Workloads**

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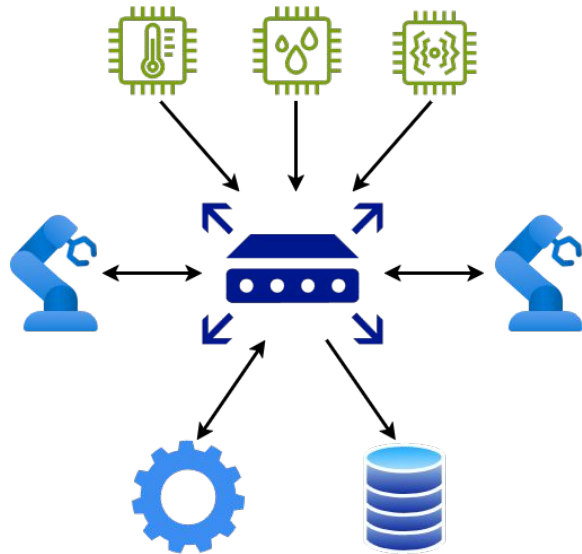
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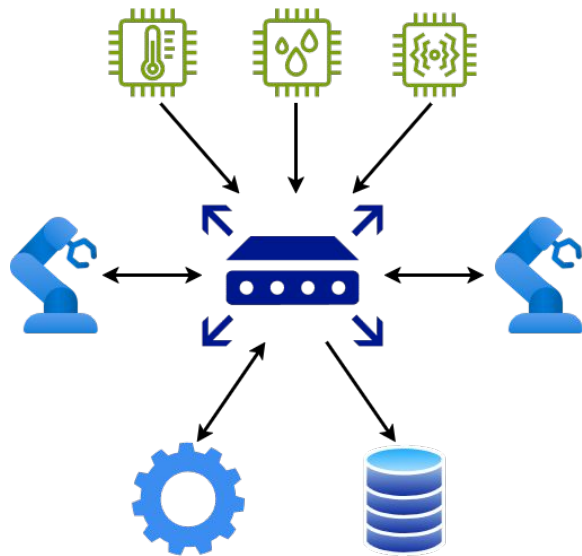
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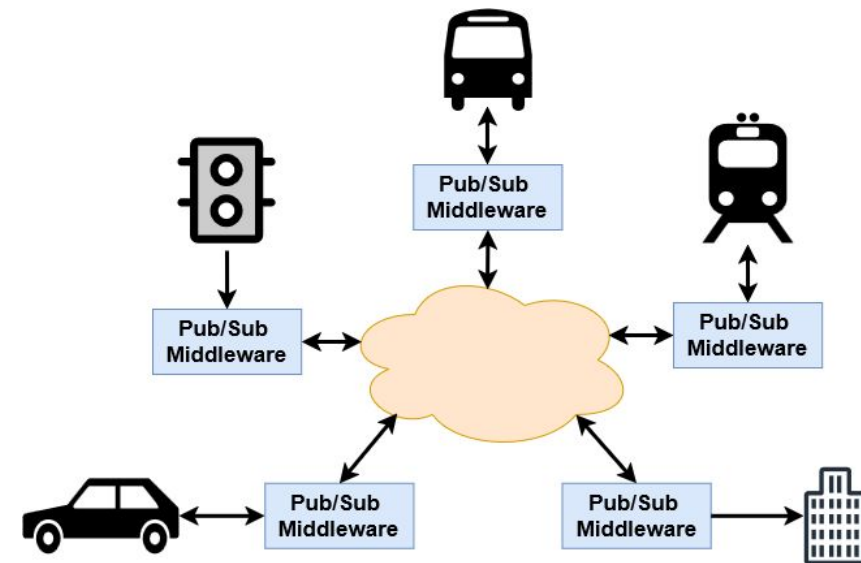
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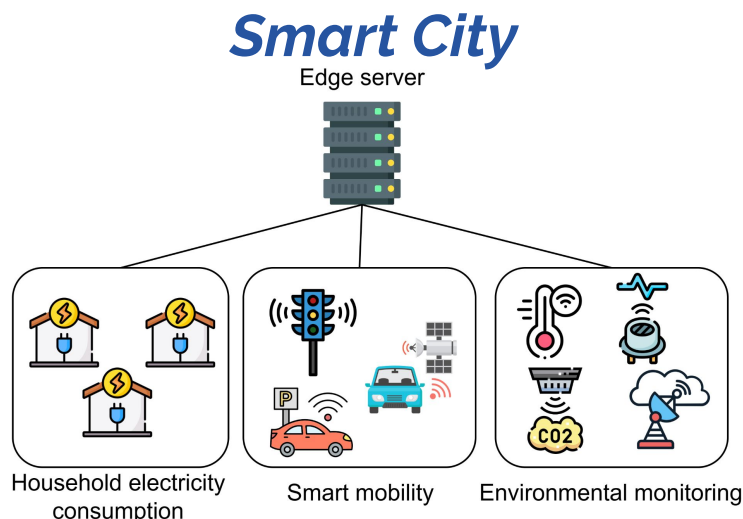
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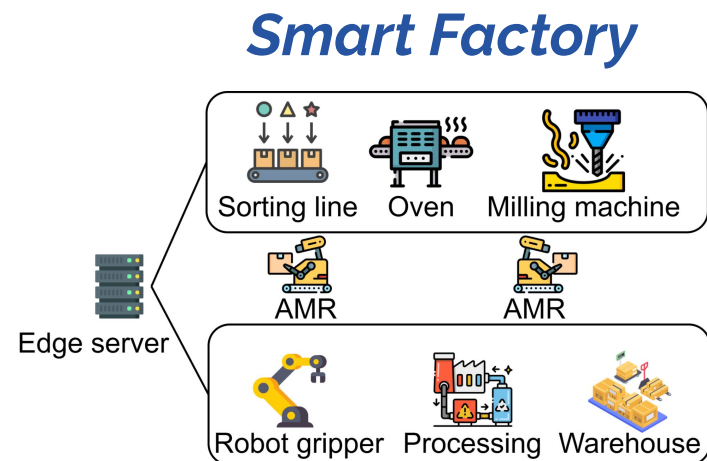
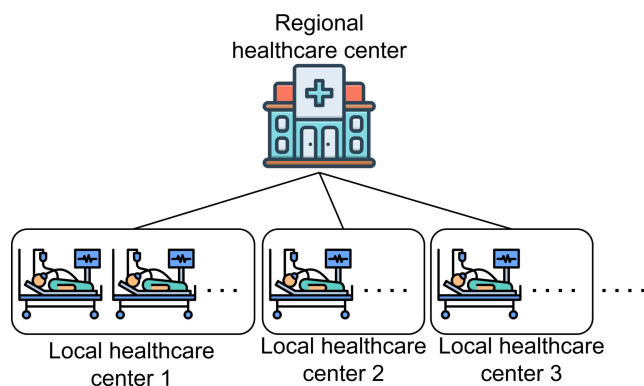


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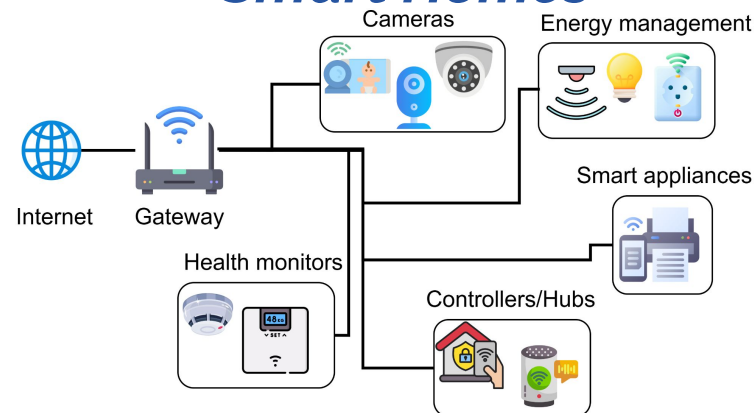
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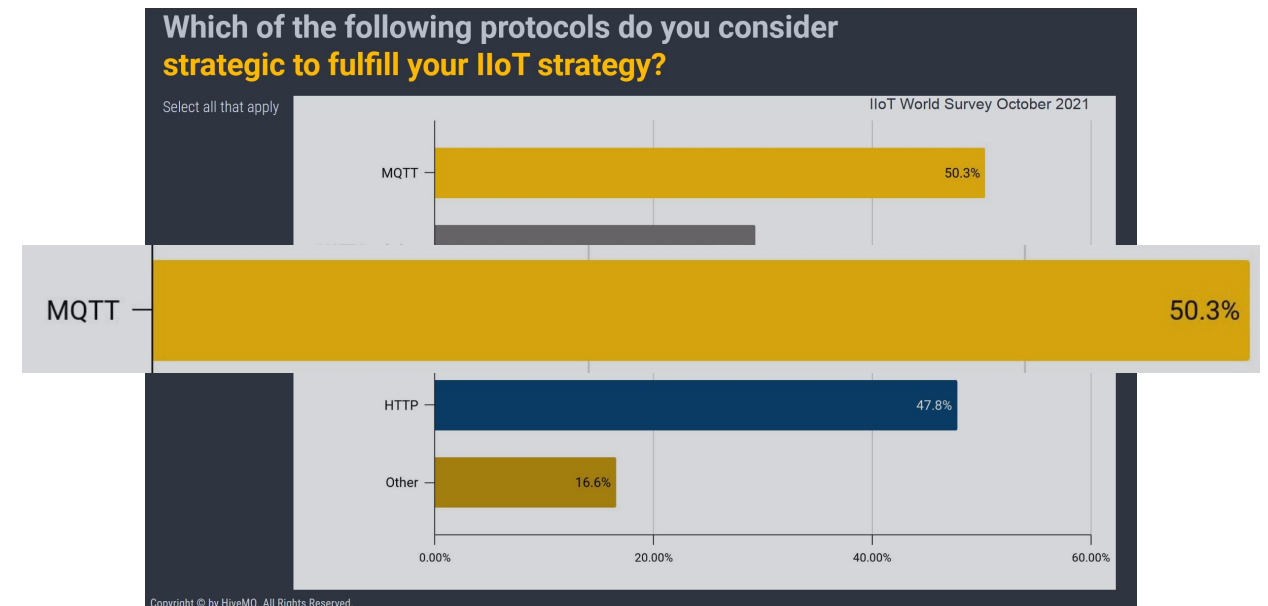
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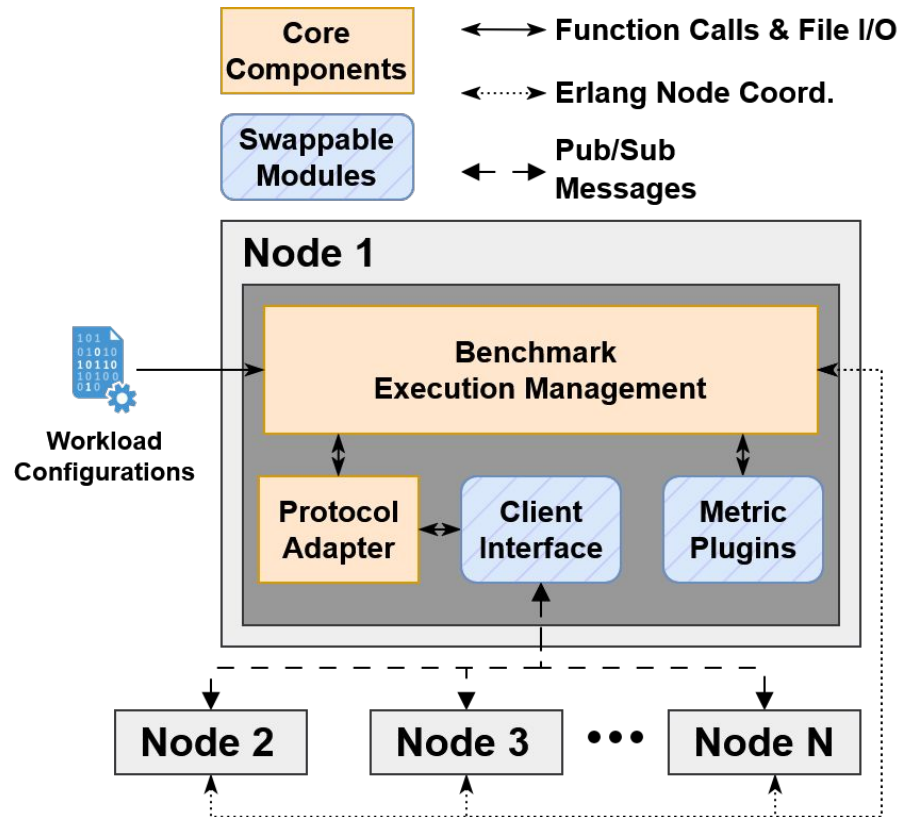
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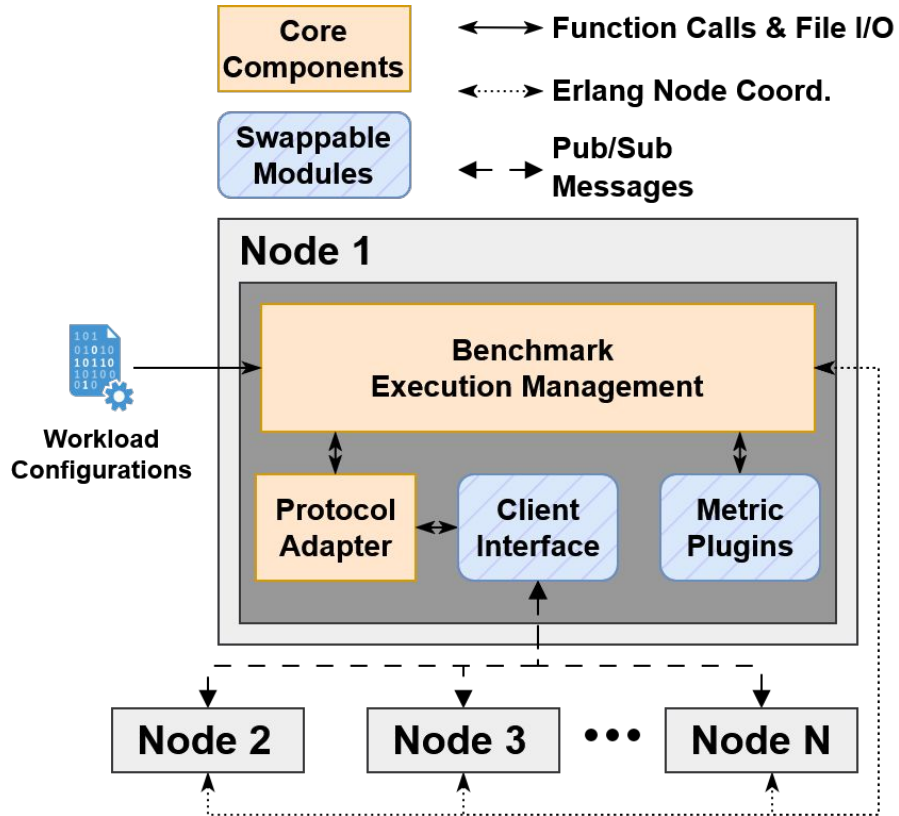
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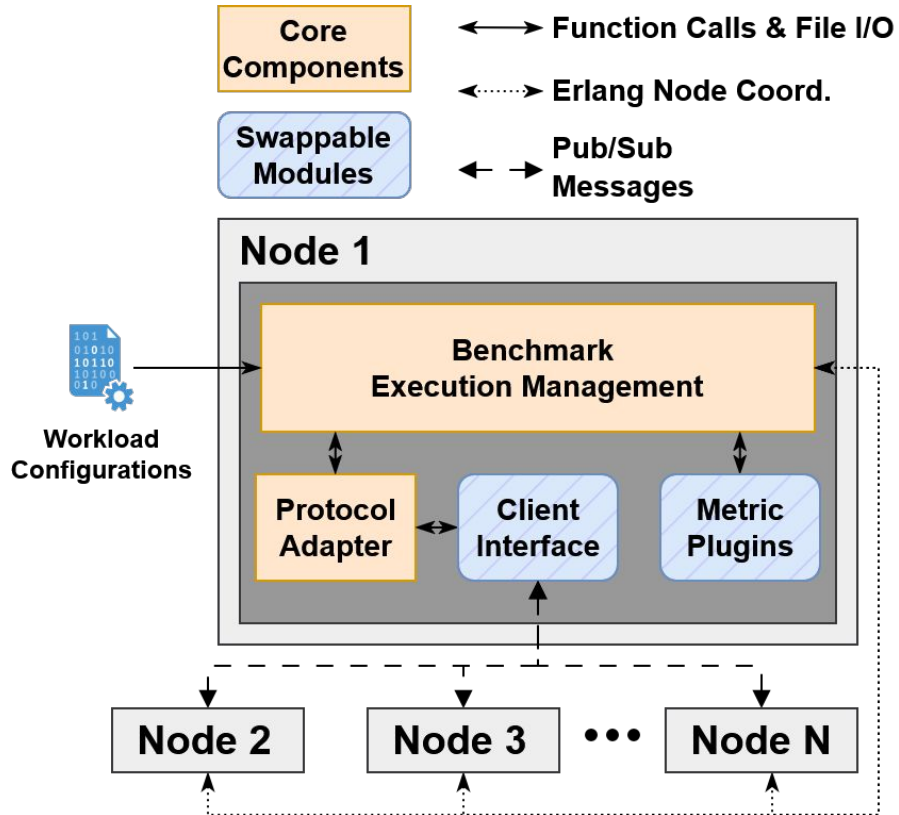
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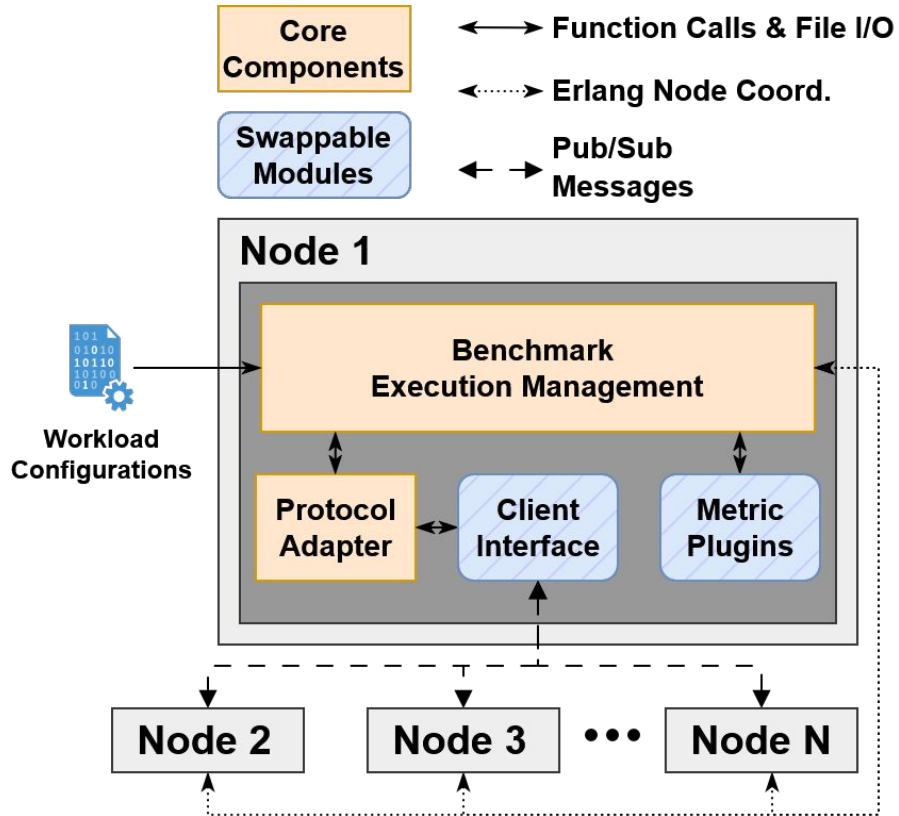
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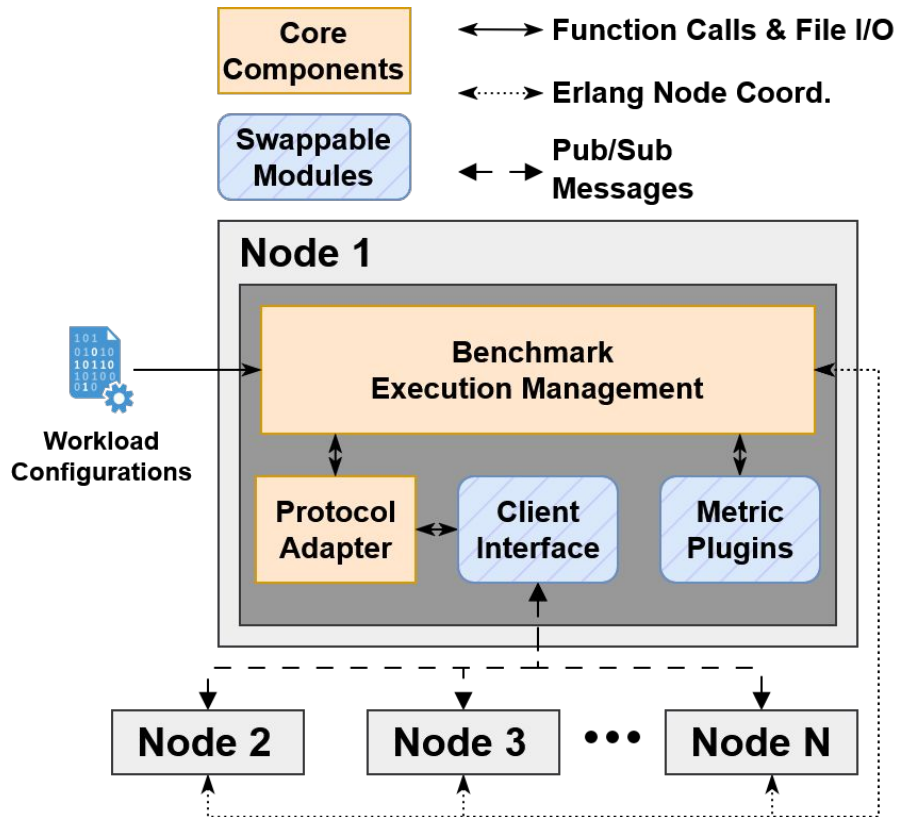
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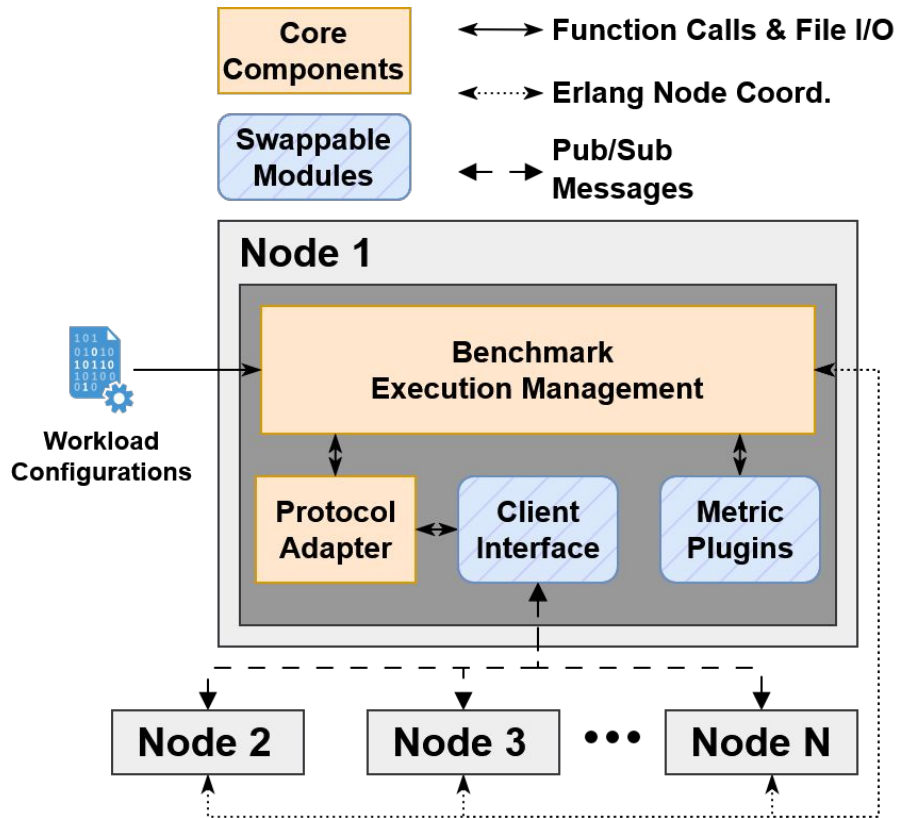
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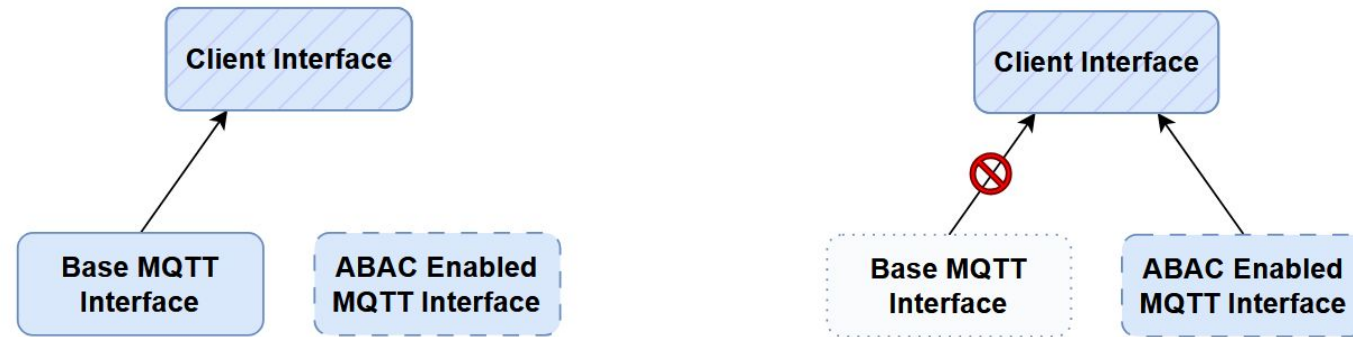
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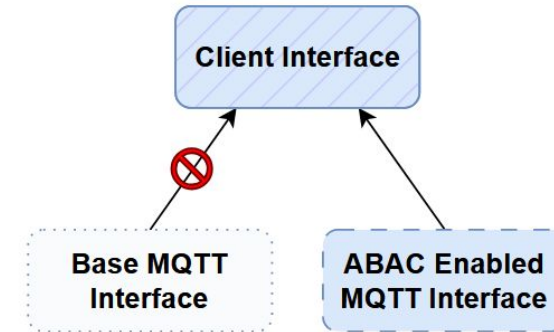
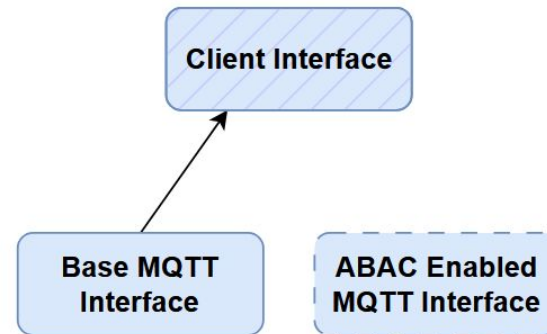
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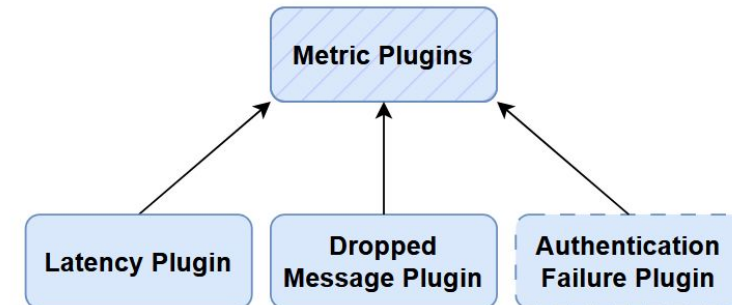
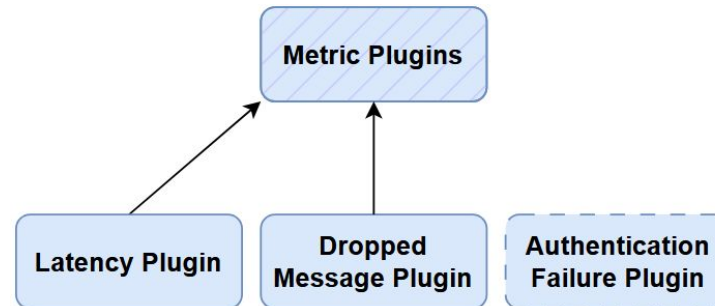
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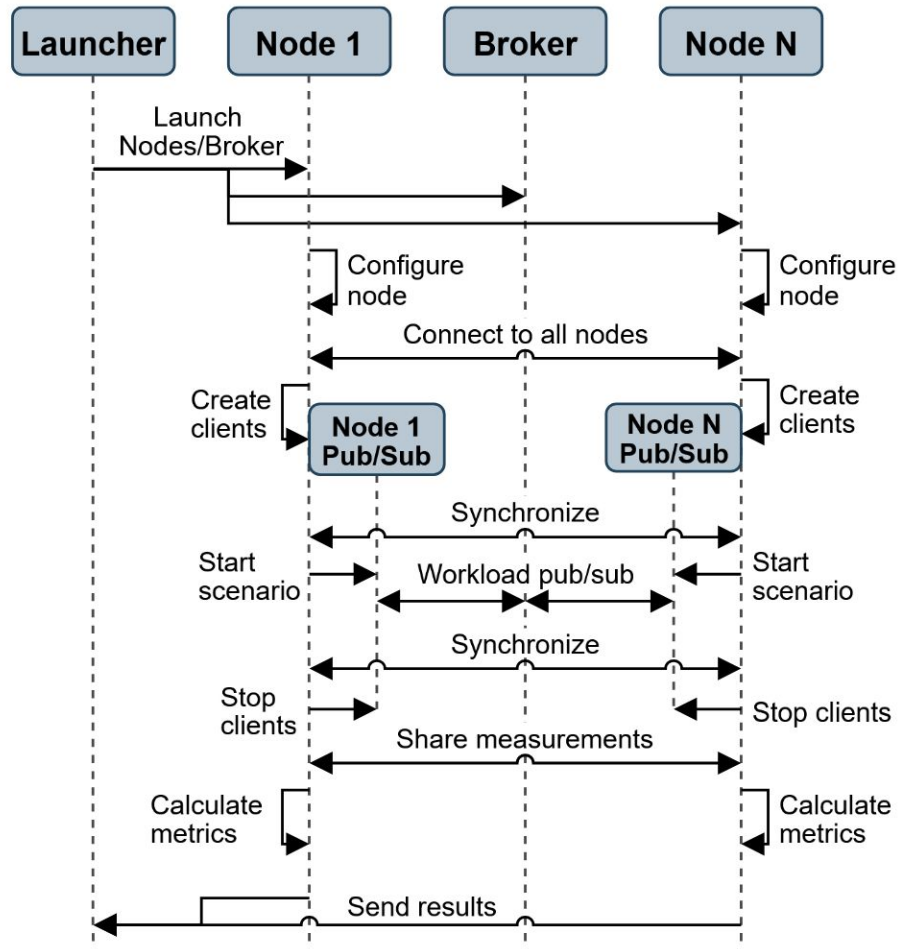
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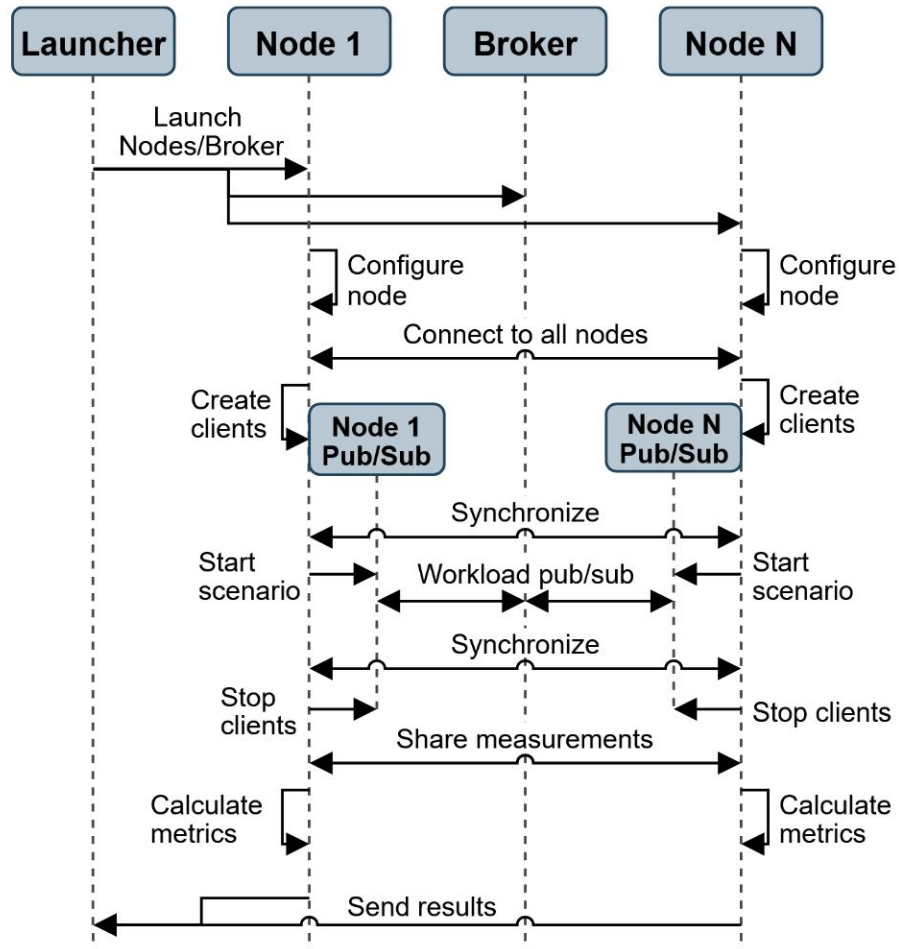
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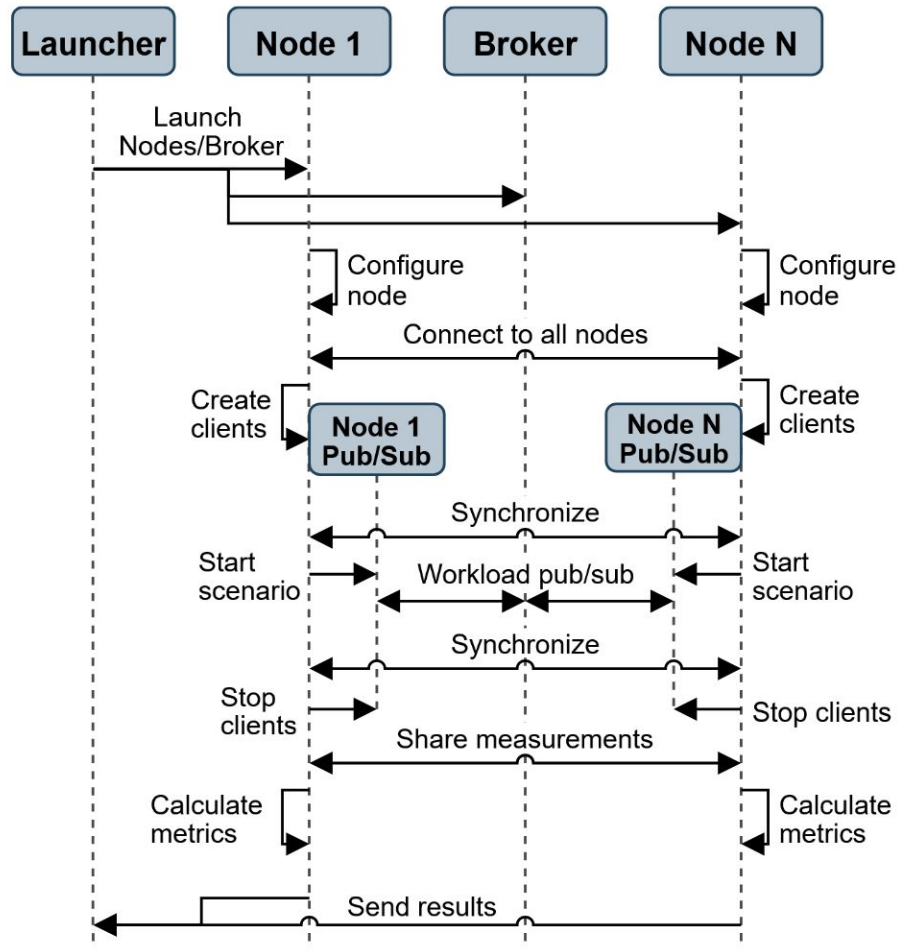
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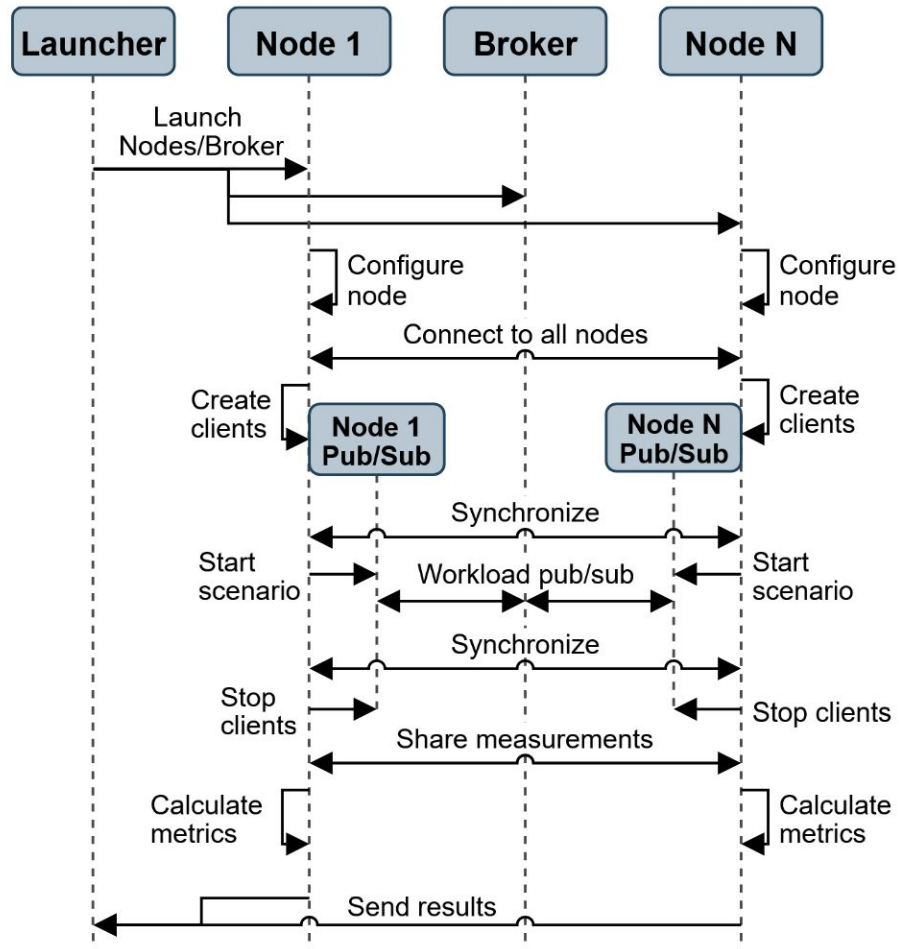
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Written with Erlang/OTP

- Provides lightweight multithreading and efficient inter-process communication with minimal overhead
- Separates coordination from pub/sub traffic

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Example Smart Factory Devices

Device: **Machine Temperature Sensor**
Publication Rate: **1 second**
Mean Payload Size: **94B**
Payload Size Variance: **5B**
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Device: **Robot Lidar**
Publication Rate: **100 milliseconds**
Mean Payload Size: **1.2MB**
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Deployments are defined to mimic the IoT system topology

- Edge servers in the deployment
- Type / quantity of devices present on the edge servers

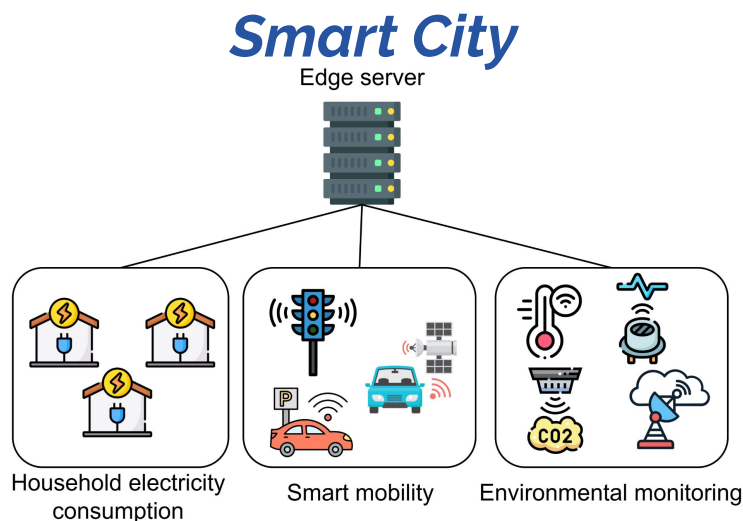
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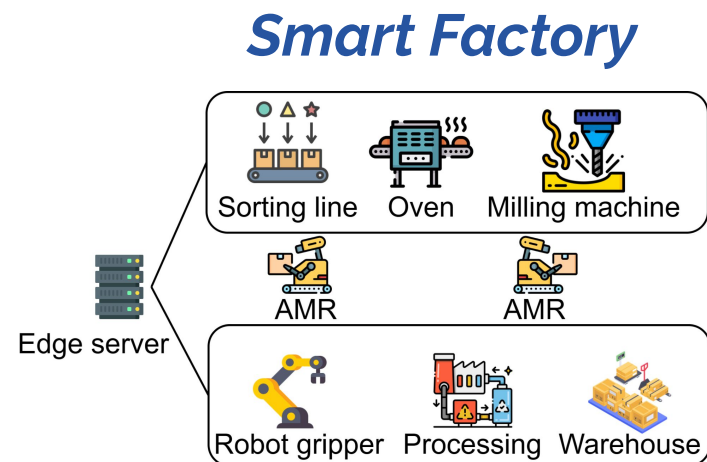
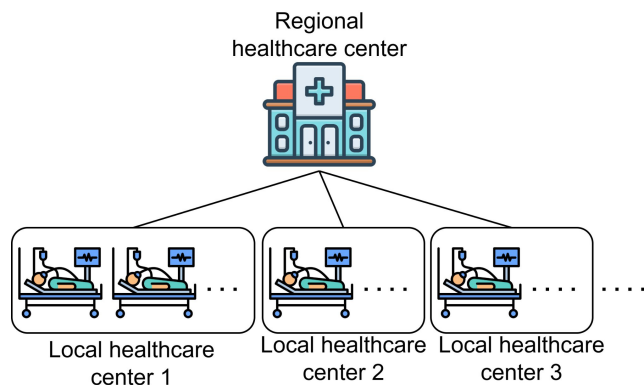
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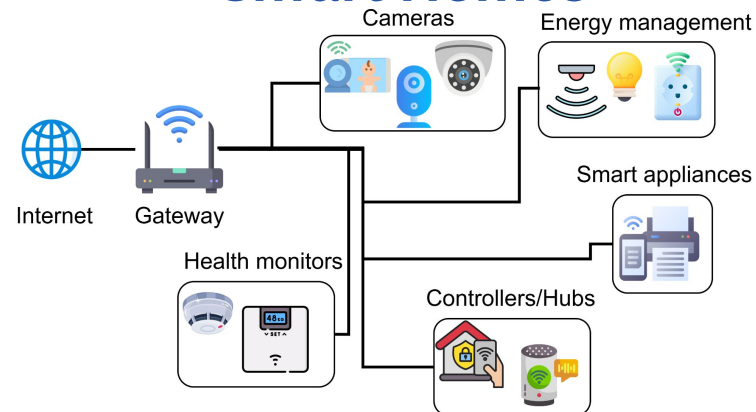
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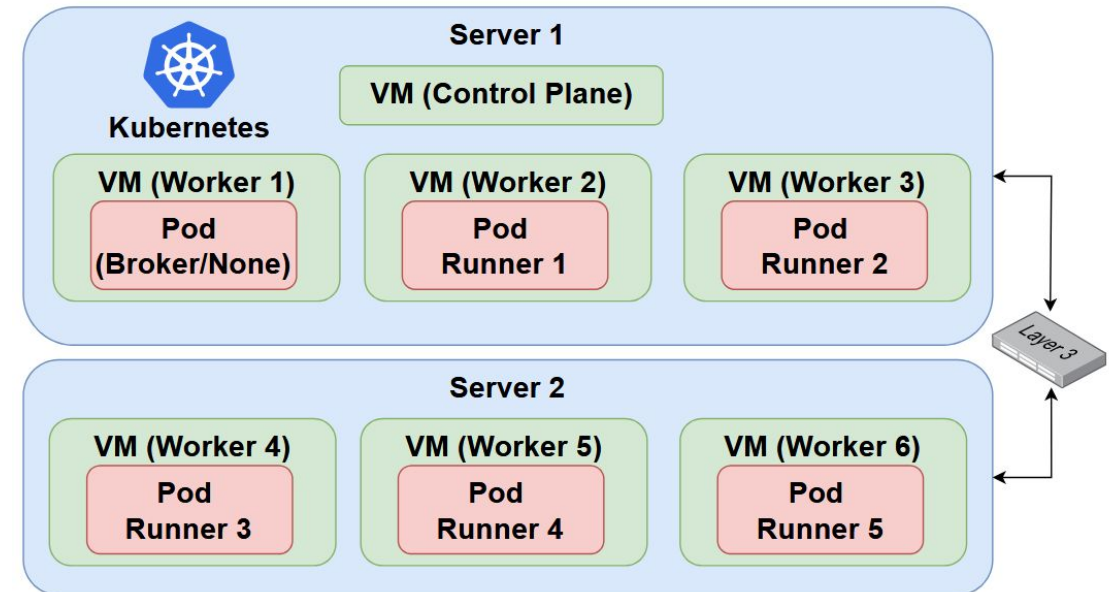
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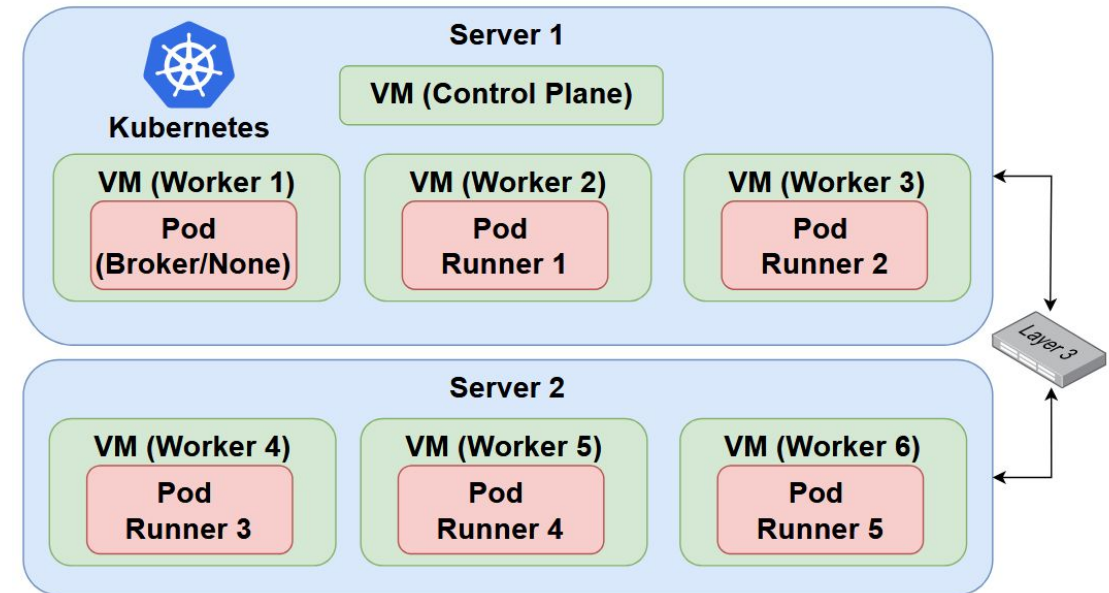
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HC	2.51	3.07	4.41	1.80	2.17	3.25	2.18	2.43	3.27
HM	1.55	1.71	2.01	1.38	1.53	1.80	1.73	1.91	2.32

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C	42.30	50.28	65.24	31.53	39.34	54.32	34.04	41.27	54.65
F	1.38	1.55	1.93	39.85	46.20	57.79	19.65	25.50	46.75
HC	2.51	3.07	4.41	1.80	2.17	3.25	2.18	2.43	3.27
HM	1.55	1.71	2.01	1.38	1.53	1.80	1.73	1.91	2.32

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	P90	P95	P99	P90	P95	P99	P90	P95	P99
C	141.64	169.41	219.48	30.62	38.62	53.68	32.35	46.98	76.06
F	44.39	50.49	57.35	40.02	46.82	61.92	26.19	30.81	38.74
HC	12.18	13.83	16.89	2.14	2.55	4.01	2.16	3.00	5.18
HM	2.61	3.08	4.01	1.66	1.84	2.20	1.16	1.34	1.76

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C-2x	34.85	1381	<0.1	27.17	1381	<0.1	31.65	1328	3.9
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F	0.89	2725	<0.1	15.38	2826	<0.1	7.75	2830	<0.1
F-2x	0.94	5493	<0.1	1920.27	4219	25.5	3010.44	3311	41.8
HC	1.32	23	0.0	0.93	23	0.0	1.17	23	0.0
HC-2x	1.31	45	0.0	0.82	45	0.0	1.11	45	0.0
HC-10x	10.74	234	0.0	8.49	233	0.0	11.11	234	0.0
HM	1.02	714	0.0	0.90	713	0.0	1.16	715	0.0
HM-2x	0.96	1432	0.0	0.87	1429	0.0	3.31	1431	0.0
HM-10x	0.95	7266	0.0	0.66	7251	0.0	1.14	7256	0.0

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F	17.40	2831	<0.1	16.98	2830	<0.1	8.56	2802	1.0
F-2x	5042.69	3994	29.2	296.48	3745	34.0	25990.97	5087	10.0
HC	7.05	23	<0.1	1.14	22	0.0	1.05	21	8.1
HC-2x	12.66	45	<0.1	1.07	45	0.0	2.73	41	8.3
HC-10x	68.77	233	0.2	5.91	234	0.0	21.70	212	8.9
HM	1.47	714	0.0	1.08	714	0.0	0.72	708	0.9
HM-2x	1.52	1430	0.0	0.98	1430	0.0	0.77	1415	0.9
HM-10x	3.16	7262	<0.1	0.81	7259	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A

OpenDDS shows
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PSMark is publicly available and ready to be used for IoT benchmarking under built-in or custom workloads!



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